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An Alabama Industrial Profile: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

National news accounts regularly report on the growth rate of U.S. Gross National Product (GNP). Gross National Product, the total dollar value of all good and services produced in the U.S. for a given year, is generally regarded as the single best indicator of the health of the economy. In addition, such stories often comment on the current rate of inflation. This might be done by reporting the current rate of inflation on a monthly or annual basis. In either case the intention is the same, to advise the audience on the real (inflation adjusted) rate of growth in our economy.

The Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) of The University of Alabama built and maintains a comprehensive econometric model of the State of Alabama. Using this mathematical representation of our economy and the many economic indicators which combine to form the model, the Center estimates Alabama Gross State Product (GSP), the regional equivalent of Gross National Product. The estimates of GSP, along with other measures of regional economic activity, provide insight into Alabama's economic past and future.

Working in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, CBER produces regular reports on economic conditions in Alabama. **Alabama Business** is one such report. Another, the **Alabama Economic Outlook**, is produced annually and includes both historical estimates as well as forecasts of Alabama GSP by industry along with many other indicators of economic performance in Alabama.

GSP growth rates are by themselves interesting in that they reveal the past or anticipated performance of a given industry. However, when viewed in the context of the regional economy, GSP estimates take on a more interesting new meaning. The following paragraphs and tables illustrate how estimates of GSP can be used to profile industrial activity in Alabama: past, present, and future.

The following tables, taken directly from the **Alabama Economic Outlook 1985**, report on Gross State Product by Industry in Alabama. What makes them unique is that the industry level GSP estimates have been divided by total State GSP, producing a share of the total for each year. Such a measure can then be interpreted as an estimate of the relative importance of a given industry to the State's economy in a given year.

An Alabama Historic Profile: The Decade of the 70s

In 1971 manufacturing accounted for 27.5 percent of total GSP. And, within manufacturing, primary metals at 5.7 percent had the largest share of any manufacturing industry. Within nondurable manufacturing, textiles and apparel combined to contribute a little over 4.5 percent. Trade, the total of wholesale and retail, accounted for 15.7 percent, underscoring the importance of consumer spending in a modern industrial society. Services, a component industry including all services less finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE), comprised a little more than 10 percent. When combined with FIRE, these three industrial sectors (Trade, Services, and FIRE) account for over 35 percent of Alabama Gross State Product, more than any other major group.

By 1980, the dominance of primary metals to Alabama manufacturing had fallen to 3.7 percent; output in the textiles and apparel industries had risen to over 5 percent while trade held its share of almost 16 percent. The accompanying tables also reveal the growth industries of the decade. Electrical and nonelectrical machinery—accounting for about 1.5 percent in 1971—had risen to over 2.5 by 1980. As was discussed in the December issue of **Alabama Business**, electrical and nonelectrical machinery are the component industries often referred to as the high-tech industries. Chemicals' share of GSP also rose. And, within the transportation, communications, and public utilities sector, communications and public utilities saw share increases from 2.5 to 4.2 and 2.8 to 3.3 respectively. As we see in the tables, these trends are expected to continue.

An Economy in Transition: Alabama in the 80s

The arrival of the 1980s was marred by a unique dip recession. Alabama Real Gross State Product actually declined in 1980 and 1982, falling -1.5 and -3.3 percent respectively. These declines compare to U.S. GNP declines of -0.3 and -1.9 for the same period. Alabama did indeed suffer worse than the U.S. as a whole.

The trends of the 1970s, however, are continuing. While manufacturing continued to hold about a 27 percent share of GSP, by 1985 primary metals share had fallen 1.3 points from 3.6 percent in 1980 to 2.3 percent in 1985. However, electrical and nonelectrical machinery continued to increase in importance, rising to dominate all of manufacturing with a combined total share of Gross State Product of 3.5 percent.

The current forecast for the balance of the decade reflects these fundamental trends. Primary metals is projected to decline to a 2.2 percent share of GSP with electrical machinery rising to 3.3 percent, the highest of any manufacturing industry. Communications and public utilities are expected to increase their respective shares slightly with trade and services holding their traditional shares of 15 and 10 percent.

Conclusion

The Industry Share of Total tables contained in the **Alabama Economic Outlook 1985** are but one of many presentations on the performance measures of the Alabama economy. For more information on the Alabama Econometric Model, the **Alabama Economic Outlook**, or other publications and services of the Center for Business and Economic Research please call or write:

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,169	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	33,511
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,049	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	571	520	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded: new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,025,800	229,200	241,100	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,700	85,800	97,700	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800
Nonresidential	1,025,800	920,000	86,300	83,700	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,200	57,000	59,800	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,088	1,197	105	100	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[1] ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465
Franchise	52,214	64,476	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144
Income	815,838	1,009,832	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995
Oil gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425
Oil gas production	17,290	17,331	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479
Sales	609,132	704,299	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	13,638	66		13,643		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23		13,922
TVA electric	31,290	36,734		3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346	
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098
Use	66,519	75,723	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143
Utility	152,287	151,261	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[1] (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5
Percent Change	3.3	4.3	3		.1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Food	291.7	302.9	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	309.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8
Housing	323.1	336.5	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1
Transportation	298.4	311.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9
Medical care	357.3	379.5	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5
Energy	419.3	423.6	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1
Producer Price Index, U.S.[1] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	309.4	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.8	308.0
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	323.4	323.8	323.0	322.9	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by:															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	317	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	
Wholesale prices	330	322	323	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324			
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	154.8	157.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,339.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.6	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.8
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4
Food	27.0	28.0	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4
Apparel	54.9	55.0	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8	1,045.9	1,057.3
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.8
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6
Trade	273.3	290.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3
Government	292.7	293.8	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428,181	435,832	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599
Payments ($1,000)	191,868	172,593	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870	16,200
	14.2	9.6	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,060	35,390
	12.1	10.9	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280	12,090	12,210	12,140	12,320	12,480
	13.1	10.5	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180	6,170	6,280	6,330	6,230	6,310	6,080	6,120
	19.5	16.6	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350	16,480
	15.0	11.0	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640	4,630	4,570	4,570	4,670	4,750
	17.2	14.5	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6
Butler	9,790	9,800	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550	9,610	9,700	9,610	9,530	9,590	9,780
	17.4	13.8	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930	47,910	48,230	48,350	48,220	47,730	48,070
	13.1	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160	16,340	16,380	16,180	16,420	16,250
	9.8	9.3	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150	11,300	11,020	11,000	10,900	11,040	11,150
	15.2	14.0	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900	15,810	15,560	15,810	15,870	15,950
	13.1	11.3	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880	5,840	5,840	5,790	5,690	5,840	5,890
	15.1	16.3	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	18.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240	10,130	10,320	10,360	9,940	9,890	10,120
	16.2	14.3	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370	7,600	7,470	7,450	7,490	7,470	7,580
	14.0	10.9	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0	13.1	12.3	9.1	9.0	8.1
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,340	5,330	5,410	5,210	5,150	5,320
	12.5	10.2	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,180	19,880	19,930	19,890	19,680	20,270
	10.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.6	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1
Colbert	23,700	23,920	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,780	23,540	23,150	23,290	23,240	23,140
	18.7	16.4	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4	14.0	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340	7,310	7,230	7,220	7,300	7,180	7,320
	12.7	11.8	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.8	8.5	9.0
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,850	5,840	5,900	6,000	6,140	6,280
	10.3	8.0	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.2
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380	16,560	16,120	15,980	15,800	15,740	15,990
	12.2	9.9	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.8
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330	7,550	7,160	7,090	7,160	7,380	7,600
	12.1	11.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.1	5.8	6.2
Cullman	28,590	29,550	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720	29,970	29,780	29,260	29,580	29,710	30,210
	14.7	11.5	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4	8.2	8.0
Dale	22,200	22,740	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300	23,310	23,220	23,220	23,100	22,990	23,320
	9.5	7.7	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.7	5.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920	23,130	23,130	23,570	22,940	22,870	23,220
	17.6	15.7	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.3	17.6	13.5	14.2	15.2
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850	30,740	30,900	31,210	31,560	30,870	31,060
	13.8	10.8	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.0	7.7	7.6
Elmore	20,620	20,770	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510	21,670	21,530	21,290	21,180	20,940	21,280
	12.2	7.7	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.8
Escambia	17,440	18,110	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010	17,980	17,970	17,940	17,750	17,920	17,740
	12.5	12.1	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.7	9.3	8.0
Etowah	42,290	42,610	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980	41,600	41,880	42,130	41,930	41,590	41,560
	17.4	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.7	9.4
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540	10,480	10,250	10,060	10,110	10,220	10,480
	11.7	9.5	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300	14,310	14,310	14,140	14,110	14,100
	18.2	18.6	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4
Geneva	11,360	11,740	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010	11,960	11,660	11,480	11,630	11,810	12,150
	10.4	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.5
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660	4,650	4,610	4,630	4,600	4,640	4,680
	16.6	17.1	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7	12.7	11.8
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440	5,260	5,340	5,280	5,300	5,460
	16.5	17.1	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2	11.2	11.0
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520	7,540	7,200	7,290	7,270	7,490	7,800
	11.2	9.4	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	8.9	9.1
Houston	35,860	36,540	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280	37,200	37,400	37,250	37,310	37,080	37,550
	11.3	9.0	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430	19,130	19,050	19,060	19,120	19,230
	22.1	16.8	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290	302,540	305,030	303,050	302,540	304,820
	13.1	9.8	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610	9,770	9,850	9,800	9,740	9,810
	9.7	7.3	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.3	7.5	7.1
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510	34,580	34,910	34,510	34,400	34,400
	16.6	14.8	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200	13,190	13,140	13,110	13,140	13,040	13,290
	18.8	15.1	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7
Lee	35,870	38,470	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370	39,260	39,210	38,160	37,880	38,260	38,730
	8.4	6.5	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1	6.5	5.9
Limestone	19,310	20,230	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860	22,180	21,960	22,060	22,290	22,750	23,570
	14.1	10.8	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030	5,040	4,990	5,250	5,180	5,000	5,070
	17.9	18.3	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560	8,410	8,340	8,450	8,500	8,480
	13.6	11.1	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770	122,590	123,540	123,080	124,130	123,450	125,140
	8.5	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560	9,480	9,590	9,450	9,330	9,410
	15.5	14.2	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190	13,300	13,530	13,170	13,210	13,220
	19.4	14.9	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810	32,800	33,150	32,850	32,850	33,140
	14.4	12.6	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5
Mobile	162,590	164,730	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310	167,320	167,650	164,080	162,430	164,690
	15.9	12.6	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760
	12.6	16.2	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,060	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840
	10.5	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.9
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960	38,650
	14.5	11.5	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.3	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1
Perry	5,850	5,820	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000
	14.8	13.3	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250
	18.0	15.9	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1
Pike*	13,680	13,560	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790
	13.7	10.1	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930
	17.9	14.9	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210
	13.7	12.9	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260
	14.2	11.5	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710
	12.1	10.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060
	14.3	11.5	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3
Talladega	31,560	31,150	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160
	17.2	15.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200
	12.1	9.4	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220
	12.4	9.6	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110
	16.3	13.3	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160
	20.0	18.1	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,290	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330
	20.2	15.3	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	13.5	16.6	12.6	12.5	12.8
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930	8,780	9,040	8,970
	18.7	19.6	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	6,288	9,484	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile* (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,243	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914
Gasoline sales* (1,000 gallons)	1,861,406	1,905,267	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206		
New passenger car registrations* (number)	122,393	141,896	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals* ($1,000,000)															
Food		3,652	305	306	328	309	292	317	308	314	325	316	321	301	254
General stores with food and gas		175	15	14	15	14	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	15	13
General merchandise		2,382	185	238	356	161	150	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	196
Apparel		568	46	52	77	38	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	42
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	46	49	56	44	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	41
Automotive		3,088	259	245	243	234	243	299	294	322	312	304	317	314	255
Gasoline service stations		296	26	23	25	24	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	22
Lumber and building materials		890	81	76	66	58	54	78	88	90	92	90	90	90	82
Hardware and farm implements		427	37	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	35
Eating places		1,293	109	107	119	99	96	120	114	126	126	126	134	118	107
Drug stores		264	20	21	29	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	20
All other retail		2,162	182	190	245	176	157	183	184	195	186	180	191	182	165
Total sales by retail concerns		15,740	1,311	1,357	1,589	1,211	1,152	1,395	1,400	1,474	1,442	1,403	1,469	1,394	1,232
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,614	225	214	238	180	173	210	225	232	226	234	236	233	210
Total all sales at retail		18,354	1,536	1,571	1,826	1,391	1,325	1,606	1,625	1,706	1,668	1,637	1,705	1,627	1,442
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties* ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,895	43,401	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,591	45,678	45,404	48,939	46,070	39,533
Birmingham		5,033,813	420,066	424,831	489,919	387,391	372,395	446,787	448,683	473,300	451,660	441,965	467,504	449,052	416,588
Dothan		643,669	54,631	54,483	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,083	56,735	57,462	55,210	50,214
Florence		612,946	51,909	52,867	64,719	43,868	40,926	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,493	54,379	55,749	53,459	46,898
Gadsden		459,928	38,513	37,169	44,631	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,979	40,950	42,213	38,837	35,424
Huntsville		1,049,550	87,100	92,206	108,889	78,976	76,405	92,378	96,413	101,008	96,614	98,532	103,881	97,198	85,978
Mobile		2,100,234	172,902	175,335	203,304	158,042	149,374	179,119	183,663	190,942	195,112	191,006	189,329	179,292	140,330
Montgomery		1,429,916	116,481	124,805	146,165	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,184	131,204	131,563	128,591	128,724	125,441	114,627
Tuscaloosa		631,377	53,217	53,102	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,393	55,576	58,629	56,915	56,475	59,218	57,063	51,766
Counties															
Autauga		96,703	7,973	8,249	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,466	8,821	9,283	9,773	8,358	8,404
Baldwin		343,047	28,774	28,472	30,606	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,932	34,476	31,937	27,767	20,920
Barbour		71,583	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,568	6,397	6,150	5,337
Bibb		41,388	3,500	3,782	4,201	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,585
Blount		89,053	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,968	9,003	8,034
Bullock		26,077	2,057	2,337	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,011	2,003	2,015	1,742
Butler		65,569	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,241	5,627	5,178	5,152	5,045	4,834	4,722
Calhoun		507,895	43,401	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,591	45,678	45,404	48,939	46,070	39,533
Chambers		107,006	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,467	9,223	8,940	7,830
Cherokee		47,907	4,017	3,800	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,441	4,115
Chilton		99,874	8,757	8,822	10,205	7,553	7,862	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,134	8,899	9,525	9,006	8,468
Choctaw		36,637	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,201	3,232	3,158	3,532	2,963	2,749
Clarke		98,648	8,669	8,799	10,075	7,889	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,435	8,961	9,211	8,920	6,698
Clay		26,368	2,172	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,396	2,211	1,957
Cleburne		22,200	1,880	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,683
Coffee		186,107	14,416	15,412	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,267	16,331	16,421	15,642	16,561	16,660	16,569	13,927

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,984	20,952	20,498	23,870	17,424	17,180	21,211	21,965	21,924	21,518	21,687	22,001	20,839	17,428
Conecuh		37,533	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,746	2,682	3,251	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,236	2,854	2,493
Coosa		8,932	842	834	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	873	852	757	806
Covington		137,576	11,650	11,221	13,089	9,836	9,774	11,406	11,659	12,391	12,095	11,930	12,445	11,489	9,228
Crenshaw		30,987	2,792	3,201	3,159	2,540	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,910	3,267	3,176	2,914	3,121	2,615
Cullman		237,638	21,068	20,374	23,445	16,838	16,261	21,565	21,542	22,681	22,282	21,488	23,098	20,966	18,872
Dale		104,914	8,759	9,026	10,688	7,839	8,096	9,746	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,802	9,196	8,455
Dallas		199,199	17,166	17,232	19,682	15,424	14,214	17,057	17,820	18,137	17,792	17,551	16,845	17,130	15,348
DeKalb		180,387	15,257	15,829	17,567	12,341	11,474	15,327	15,933	16,935	17,224	15,754	17,345	15,974	18,378
Elmore		102,081	8,153	8,366	9,851	7,672	7,865	9,306	9,492	9,469	9,573	9,319	9,577	9,074	7,812
Escambia		141,761	12,266	11,884	14,710	10,567	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,931	11,738	11,896	11,135	9,846
Etowah		459,928	38,513	37,169	44,631	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,979	40,950	42,213	38,837	35,424
Fayette		64,918	5,116	5,081	6,390	4,372	4,575	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,669	5,631	4,335
Franklin		99,528	8,023	8,785	9,790	7,815	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,706	7,884	8,720	8,032	7,513
Geneva		144,828	11,669	12,646	13,673	11,379	11,286	12,082	12,236	12,694	12,515	12,392	12,310	11,929	11,615
Greene		18,310	1,509	1,399	1,481	1,232	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,553	1,478	1,143
Hale		31,290	2,522	2,510	2,713	2,497	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,758	2,720	2,773	2,732	2,461
Henry		35,727	2,790	2,225	3,684	3,330	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,213	3,116	3,488	3,330	2,495
Houston		538,755	45,872	45,457	53,083	40,215	39,659	45,310	46,215	49,192	46,113	47,126	47,660	46,015	41,759
Jackson		136,606	12,108	12,178	13,532	10,301	10,328	12,781	12,611	13,449	12,081	12,101	12,929	12,284	10,766
Jefferson		4,278,956	355,791	361,079	420,155	327,153	316,624	377,976	378,419	397,377	378,069	370,529	392,306	379,234	352,668
Lamar		37,982	2,959	3,154	3,282	2,803	2,453	3,255	3,212	3,298	3,672	3,217	3,327	2,827	2,844
Lauderdale		362,962	30,947	32,369	40,849	26,444	23,746	31,317	32,775	33,685	32,975	32,692	33,748	32,620	29,470
Lawrence		51,755	4,407	4,548	5,269	3,842	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,088	4,605	4,598	5,123	4,472	4,318
Lee		346,954	29,365	30,913	34,909	25,244	24,557	29,951	30,509	32,282	31,535	29,461	32,965	33,060	27,227
Limestone		161,477	13,104	13,969	15,810	12,216	12,240	14,795	15,117	15,756	14,585	14,708	16,174	14,941	12,113
Lowndes		16,854	1,439	1,411	1,773	1,428	1,573	1,768	1,613	1,840	1,959	1,622	1,868	1,981	1,672
Macon		45,136	3,678	3,644	3,989	3,685	2,942	3,448	3,639	3,705	3,647	3,711	4,046	4,069	3,736
Madison		1,049,550	87,100	92,206	108,889	78,976	76,405	92,378	96,413	101,008	96,614	98,532	103,881	97,198	85,978
Marengo		69,347	5,903	6,440	7,233	6,108	5,513	6,243	6,525	6,813	5,798	5,901	6,488	6,157	5,756
Marion		95,317	7,634	8,336	10,053	7,627	6,620	8,437	8,664	9,279	9,009	8,604	9,043	8,669	8,075
Marshall		339,442	28,415	29,526	33,462	25,122	24,668	31,308	32,866	34,684	33,447	33,774	34,772	31,876	28,410
Mobile		1,757,187	144,128	146,863	172,698	133,251	124,783	148,655	152,005	157,763	162,180	156,530	157,392	151,525	119,410
Monroe		102,802	8,969	11,558	10,934	6,099	6,070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,283	10,403	9,213	8,584
Montgomery		1,231,132	100,355	108,190	127,057	92,534	90,140	107,596	105,637	112,269	113,169	109,989	109,374	108,009	88,411
Morgan		452,408	38,353	39,933	47,175	32,642	31,938	40,753	43,783	45,877	43,533	43,421	46,370	44,904	39,419
Perry		25,165	2,165	1,998	2,165	1,763	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,105	2,079	2,037	2,090	1,988	1,653
Pickens		41,346	3,596	3,300	3,777	2,796	2,870	3,507	3,683	3,872	3,895	3,600	3,893	3,445	3,121
Pike		90,768	8,022	7,793	9,022	7,434	6,627	7,741	7,676	8,758	8,620	8,129	8,935	8,738	7,151
Randolph		57,911	4,794	5,187	5,356	5,444	4,488	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,870	4,459	4,601	4,683	4,112
Russell		121,519	10,343	10,114	11,826	9,102	8,699	10,242	11,358	11,243	10,417	10,406	9,734	9,396	9,733
St. Clair		121,089	10,626	9,515	10,821	9,036	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,986	11,552	12,644	11,515	10,608
Shelby		253,358	21,059	20,998	21,849	21,142	18,077	23,018	23,064	24,040	23,573	23,972	24,175	22,117	19,970
Sumter		30,989	2,611	2,891	3,107	2,488	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,371	2,392	2,320	2,222
Talladega		240,179	19,191	20,116	23,681	18,175	17,342	20,426	21,411	24,650	22,259	22,936	21,539	21,056	18,272
Tallapoosa		127,481	10,119	10,768	11,807	9,525	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,390	12,114	10,981	11,860	10,660	9,948
Tuscaloosa		631,377	53,217	53,102	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,393	55,576	58,629	56,915	56,475	59,218	57,063	51,766
Walker		291,355	24,638	25,786	28,514	23,126	21,552	26,075	27,163	30,002	28,127	27,647	29,411	27,183	25,308
Washington		21,666	2,002	1,728	1,786	1,498	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,992	1,656	1,940	1,694	1,973	1,207
Wilcox		27,999	2,290	2,189	2,605	2,118	2,046	2,222	2,140	2,263	2,114	2,131	2,196	1,899	1,718
Winston		71,301	5,659	5,934	6,691	5,540	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,642	7,192	6,686	6,433
Statewide		974,006	86,221	86,274	107,047	79,777	65,082	83,513	81,424	83,471	90,931	85,436	93,136	89,227	71,433
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750	123,177	108,071	116,575	94,168	108,400	119,196	102,688	113,685
Residential	449,881	438,383	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712	45,287	52,029	51,647	42,696	40,234	39,678	47,802	40,909
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	28,887	60,384	41,663	43,334	37,414	49,934	59,520	35,358	51,625
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	737	669	613	659	627	826	844	758	763	878	848	812	774
Residential	3,593	3,530	256	255	263	258	272	384	329	330	331	299	299	299	267
Nonresidential	932	1,213	95	93	76	111	73	96	110	104	95	104	104	104	97
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021	33,770	8,956	14,621	29,355	8,486	17,571
Residential	31,921	15,598	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615	6,605	4,665	2,706	2,412	1,776	944
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,497	8,406	21,476	4,097	8,118	21,052	3,652	10,479
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051	1,895	1,621	2,059	1,965	2,368	2,255
Residential	7,340	11,596	1,142	1,052	897	814	570	1,138	1,189	906	700	882	816	894	904
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	347	294	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539	864	1,075
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830	2,986	1,484	8,242	2,347	1,196	7,230	6,904
Residential	7,760	6,718	670	1,405	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620	323	427
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	860	680	483	58	118	46	2,098	597	7,714	1,562	278	6,132	5,938
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2,719	1,113	256
Residential	2,006	2,129	53	128		56	103	462		126	303	12	97	187	47
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	2,331	894	188	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1,183	676	37
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973	13,031	7,737	20,212	10,313	21,977	13,404
Residential	51,350	55,064	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683	5,377	2,233	3,555	2,415	9,861	6,569
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064	11,107	5,444	3,647	14,893	6,506	10,682	4,445
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,506	254,605	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893	5,991	8,130	7,774	6,815	14,219	6,317	6,730
Residential	38,261	26,314	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372	2,927	1,619	1,212	1,175	987	1,114
Nonresidential	49,563	197,690	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185	2,775	4,835	4,213	11,741	4,211	3,812

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275
Residential	32,615	35,697	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,875
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304
Quad-Cities[1]															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	1,917	800	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,704	2,024	1,339	2,069	1,590	1,834
Residential	6,391	7,172	430	381	126	351	177	704	606	328	578	592	749	696	874
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	323	178	12,150	48	51	379	442	388	453	186	510	396	98
Selma															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	593	309	312	36	109	184	73	237	69				
Residential	357	643	76	35		36	109	184	73	237	69				
Nonresidential	798	1,908	4	188	167										
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	8,403	5,621	3,169	3,195	2,557	5,965	3,978
Residential	14,849	15,717	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726	1,951	1,335	2,207	919	4,613	943
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493	876	2,896	462	324	367	502	2,309

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [e] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[1] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[3] End of month balance.

[4] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[11] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[12] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Employment Trends

Alabama's unemployment rate has continued to fall. In fact, in November, 1985, Alabama had the largest decrease in the nation - 2.9 points. Not every industry in Alabama is faring equally well. Manufacuring industries have shown decreases in total employment over time, and these decreases reflect a national trend. However, nearly every state, including Alabama, shows gains in employment in finance, insurance and real estate; services; and government. Alabama's employment in trade has not kept up with the national pace, but employment in construction has been strong.

Unfortunately, the two states with the most persistently high unemployment rates are in our part of the country. West Virginia continues to have the nation's highest unemployment rate followed by Louisiana, also with double digit rates.

These data are preliminary and do not reflect all economic activity for the year 1985. Complete compilations and analyses cannot be finished and made available until spring. The source for this discussion is the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Alabama Business Correction Note

On page 6 of the December issue of *Alabama Business*, figures for building permits for the last line of Gadsden, all of Huntsville, and all of Mobile were shifted one column too far to the left. Monthly data for those cities for that construct therefore show in the wrong month's column. CBER regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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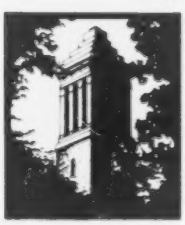
INDUSTRY SHARE OF ALABAMA TOTAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT
1971 1990
(PERCENTAGE)

LABEL	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
1										
2 TOTAL REAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
3										
4 MANUFACTURING	27.458	28.454	29.807	29.296	26.798	27.690	27.961	28.151	28.958	28.529
5										
6 NONDURABLE	15.746	15.957	16.690	16.421	15.884	16.482	16.622	16.752	16.944	16.856
7 FOOD	2.317	2.435	2.560	2.590	2.555	2.509	2.598	2.647	2.716	2.561
8 TEXTILES	2.744	2.950	2.894	2.774	2.538	2.870	2.994	2.847	2.865	2.965
9 APPAREL	1.774	1.911	2.038	2.172	2.017	2.247	2.198	2.217	2.147	2.390
10 PAPER	2.788	2.938	2.473	2.474	2.267	2.582	2.564	2.588	2.577	2.281
11 PRINTING, PUBLISHING	.629	.565	.702	.669	.674	.652	.670	.641	.629	.627
12 CHEMICALS	1.638	1.643	1.731	1.828	1.984	2.065	2.072	2.054	2.168	2.087
13 RUBBER, PLASTIC	1.143	1.295	1.464	1.474	1.338	1.397	1.435	1.479	1.422	1.475
14 OTHER NONDURABLE	.697	.715	.589	.861	.595	.816	.704	.679	.725	.789
15										
16 DURABLE	14.342	14.517	15.117	14.775	12.913	13.208	13.339	13.399	14.013	13.673
17 LUMBER	1.681	1.946	2.192	2.180	1.875	1.956	1.994	1.907	1.961	1.903
18 FURNITURE	.511	.582	.568	.538	.394	.567	.555	.478	.476	.476
19 PRIMARY METALS	5.679	5.655	5.798	5.622	4.500	4.411	4.351	4.374	4.798	5.680
20 FABRICATED METALS	1.532	1.628	1.678	1.640	1.540	1.633	1.677	1.674	1.778	1.725
21 NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	.914	.973	.990	1.102	.998	.963	.996	1.126	1.177	1.200
22 ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	.735	.786	.837	.874	.845	.987	1.053	1.239	1.433	1.434
23 ALL TRANS EQUIP	2.357	1.919	1.905	1.821	1.725	1.941	1.855	1.973	2.232	2.062
24 STONE, CLAY, GLASS	.819	.878	.849	.847	.780	.816	.796	.870	.810	.768
25 OTHER DURABLE	.414	.549	.534	.538	.363	.420	.457	.499	.447	.460
26										
27 MINING	.967	1.019	.989	.973	1.130	1.121	1.108	1.060	1.057	1.346
28										
29 CONSTRUCTION	4.733	4.728	5.046	4.917	4.672	4.586	4.883	4.684	4.038	3.703
30										
31 TRADE	15.750	16.096	16.287	16.185	16.640	16.631	16.550	16.295	16.148	15.813
32										
33 SERVICES	10.283	10.270	10.125	10.184	10.085	9.871	9.654	9.802	9.760	10.153
34										
35 FINANCE, INSUR, REAL ESTATE	10.548	10.539	10.232	10.720	11.347	11.216	11.642	11.390	10.996	11.396
36 BANKING	1.476	1.421	1.470	1.527	1.476	1.418	1.448	1.468	1.503	1.503
37 NONBANKING	9.125	9.118	8.795	9.264	9.873	9.859	10.247	9.938	9.598	9.799
38										
39 TRANS, COMM, PUB UTIL	8.579	8.834	9.096	9.085	9.470	9.468	9.714	10.329	10.263	10.385
40 TRANSPORTATION	3.188	3.242	3.268	3.278	3.139	3.138	3.193	3.258	3.122	2.968
41 COMMUNICATIONS	2.476	2.612	2.767	2.880	3.199	3.197	3.279	3.611	3.800	4.243
42 PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.967	2.979	3.061	2.927	3.128	3.133	3.243	3.363	3.339	3.174
43										
44 GOVERNMENT	17.363	16.605	15.866	16.367	16.847	17.245	16.907	16.268	15.335	16.100
45 STATE AND LOCAL	8.740	7.807	7.746	8.244	8.844	9.103	8.945	8.754	8.387	8.773
46 FEDERAL	8.623	8.798	8.117	8.123	8.003	7.901	7.964	7.514	6.948	7.327
47										
48 FARMING	3.837	3.447	2.836	2.554	3.035	3.091	3.004	3.305	3.098	3.468

INDUSTRY SHARE OF ALABAMA TOTAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT
1981 1990
(PERCENTAGE)

LABEL	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
1										
2 TOTAL REAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
3										
4 MANUFACTURING	25.697	26.684	26.493	27.160	27.074	26.477	26.841	26.915	26.733	26.139
5										
6 NONDURABLE	15.016	14.569	14.513	14.648	14.466	14.068	13.947	13.765	13.502	13.135
7 FOOD	2.427	2.470	2.439	2.398	2.375	2.343	2.289	2.266	2.232	2.206
8 TEXTILES	2.754	2.613	2.635	2.737	2.653	2.559	2.520	2.467	2.399	2.324
9 APPAREL	2.463	2.410	2.364	2.401	2.380	2.283	2.101	1.973	1.835	1.766
10 PAPER	2.309	2.525	2.457	2.341	2.278	2.196	2.245	2.255	2.240	2.110
11 PRINTING, PUBLISHING	.646	.630	.656	.672	.665	.641	.638	.627	.617	.605
12 CHEMICALS	2.018	1.742	1.656	1.669	1.669	1.629	1.697	1.721	1.729	1.718
13 RUBBER, PLASTIC	1.621	1.512	1.602	1.694	1.722	1.679	1.740	1.747	1.745	1.694
14 OTHER NONDURABLE	.699	.657	.704	.715	.724	.736	.717	.711	.707	.714
15										
16 DURABLE	13.676	12.115	11.977	12.512	12.597	12.416	12.897	13.141	13.256	13.000
17 LUMBER	1.774	1.720	1.800	1.846	1.830	1.715	1.775	1.811	1.814	1.668
18 FURNITURE	.479	.416	.438	.444	.451	.432	.444	.442	.441	.425
19 PRIMARY METALS	3.623	2.465	2.095	2.295	2.300	2.187	2.405	2.414	2.358	2.173
20 FABRICATED METALS	1.727	1.610	1.500	1.552	1.542	1.502	1.557	1.566	1.563	1.498
21 NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	1.261	1.150	1.195	1.255	1.303	1.276	1.350	1.395	1.426	1.394
22 ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	1.605	1.560	1.945	2.049	2.219	2.414	2.574	2.756	3.011	3.268
23 ALL TRANS EQUIP	2.050	1.933	1.845	1.999	1.929	1.863	1.739	1.675	1.603	1.555
24 STONE, CLAY, GLASS	.731	.685	.680	.685	.671	.667	.720	.732	.732	.715
25 OTHER DURABLE	.482	.482	.430	.394	.375	.361	.338	.322	.310	.302
26										
27 MINING	1.224	1.320	1.238	1.197	1.204	1.223	1.252	1.313	1.384	1.437
28										
29 CONSTRUCTION	3.332	3.199	3.357	3.309	3.234	3.232	3.510	3.567	3.515	3.498
30										
31 TRADE	15.434	15.670	16.301	16.550	16.465	16.412	16.345	16.114	15.955	15.852
32										
33 SERVICES	10.434	11.036	11.000	10.793	10.698	10.695	10.375	10.142	10.000	9.970
34										
35 FINANCE, INSUR, REAL ESTATE	10.916	11.146	11.376	11.067	11.437	11.933	12.083	12.396	12.772	13.308
36 BANKING	1.864	1.769	1.773	1.767	1.781	1.808	1.779	1.777	1.782	1.801
37 NONBANKING	9.052	9.377	9.603	9.300	9.656	10.124	10.304	10.619	10.990	11.507
38										
39 TRANS, COMM, PUB UTIL	10.461	10.538	10.447	10.950	11.201	11.282	11.479	11.574	11.696	11.740
40 TRANSPORTATION	2.850	2.782	2.689	2.778	2.781	2.736	2.738	2.719	2.696	2.668
41 COMMUNICATIONS	4.232	4.393	4.286	4.628	4.851	4.966	5.145	5.266	5.430	5.516
42 PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.379	3.368	3.472	3.573	3.591	3.580	3.595	3.590	3.589	3.576
43										
44 GOVERNMENT	15.715	16.135	15.624	14.943	14.707	14.718	14.240	14.061	13.955	14.030
45 STATE AND LOCAL	8.856	8.999	8.715	8.376	8.364	8.509	8.397	8.454	8.549	8.741
46 FEDERAL	6.859	7.137	6.910	6.567	6.344	6.208	5.842	5.607	5.406	5.288
47										
48 FARMING	3.797	4.272	4.154	4.020	3.982	4.024	3.928	3.922	3.941	4.025



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